



St John Fisher RC Primary School

Year 4 Knowledge Organiser – Spring One - History

What we will be learning

I know:

Lesson 1

- There is evidence that around 2000 years ago Britain was ruled by Iron Age People/Celts.

Lesson 2

- There is evidence that the Roman army was building an empire across Europe and wanted to conquer Britain (attempt by Caesar).
- The Romans wanted precious metals like gold, tin and iron and wanted cattle.

Lesson 3

- There is evidence that In AD43 Emperor Claudius arrived in Britain and the Roman army began battles with any Celts that did not agree to obey Roman laws and pay taxes.

Lesson 4

- There is evidence that in AD60 Queen Boudicca of the Iceni tribe chose to fight for revenge for taking their land and making them pay heavy taxes.
- Boudicca raised a huge army and burned down Roman towns.
- The main events in Boudicca's revolt.

Lesson 5

- We know about Boudicca because Romans wrote things down.
- The Roman army was better trained and had better armour and they defeated Boudicca's warriors.

Key Facts to Remember

- Boudica was a powerful queen of the Iceni tribe in ancient Britain. She is famous for leading a rebellion against the Roman Empire in AD 60-61. After her husband, King Prasutagus, died, the Romans tried to take control of Iceni lands, which made Boudica very angry.
- The Romans invaded Britain in AD 43. They built roads, towns, and forts, and introduced their culture and laws. The Romans wanted to take control of the rich resources in Britain, but many tribes, including the Iceni, resisted their rule.
- Boudica's rebellion began when the Romans mistreated her and her people. She gathered an army and attacked Roman settlements, including Camulodunum (Colchester), Londinium (London), and Verulamium (St. Albans). Her forces caused significant damage and killed many Romans.

Key Vocabulary and Glossary

Armour	A protective covering that protects a person, object, or vehicle from physical damage or injury
Battle formations	Special arrangements of soldiers in a specific pattern during a fight
Conquer	To gain control over something or someone through force or effort
Emperor Claudius	A Roman emperor who ruled from AD 41 to AD 54
Iceni	The tribe Boudica led
Queen Boudicca	Queen Boudicca led a major uprising against the Roman Empire around AD 60-61
Rebellion	A fight against authority or control
Roman Army	A powerful military force
Roman Empire	The powerful empire that controlled much of Europe at the time

Key Knowledge:

Around 2000 years ago, Britain was ruled by Iron Age people known as the Celts. During this time, the Roman army was expanding its empire across Europe and aimed to conquer Britain for its valuable resources like gold, tin, iron, and cattle. Julius Caesar attempted to invade Britain but ultimately failed. In AD 43, Emperor Claudius arrived in Britain, initiating battles with Celts who refused to follow Roman laws and pay taxes. In AD 60, Queen Boudicca of the Iceni tribe fought back against the Romans to avenge her people for losing their land and facing heavy taxes. She raised a large army and successfully burned down Roman towns, leading to significant events in her revolt.

